

RESOLUTION NO. 0223404

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APPROVING COUNTY COMPLIANCE OF EPA ATTAINMENT GOALS

WHEREAS, air pollution is nationally a cause for concern and because Robertson County is committed to improving the quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robertson County is a member of the Nashville Early Action Compact, eight middle Tennessee counties working together to improve air quality in the mid-State area; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board represents local government at a state and national level on critical air quality issues, Robertson County supports the efforts of the Board to improve air quality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Robertson County agrees to:

1. Work in partnership with Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson counties to implement measures which reduce, directly and indirectly, air pollutant levels.

2. Work to improve the efficient flow of traffic in Robertson County so that emissions on county roads are reduced. In areas where traffic signals are present, transportation funds will be expended in a manner to improve traffic signal synchronization.

3. Work with other mid-State counties and the Regional Transportation Authority to increase the number of persons using rideshare programs, including carpools, vanpools and inter-county express bus routes.

4. The County will participate with our Early Action Compact partners to establish an Air Quality Outreach and Action Day Program.

5. The County and its municipalities will encourage and support the construction of new pedestrian facilities and bikeways. The Cities of White House and Springfield are working to build more than \$1 million in new sidewalks; this investment will provide air quality benefits to Robertson County.

6. Support an integrated planning approach which emphasizes the relationship between land use and transportation.

7. Support the Tennessee Air Board as they recommend state legislation on expanded vehicle inspection and maintenance programs, as long as that burden does not fall solely on counties which contribute little to non-attainment.

8. Support the Tennessee Air Board as they determine the need for lower speed limits and improved fuels such as cetane additives to diesel fuels.

9. Encourage the reduced idling of vehicles, especially school buses, in the understanding that those reductions will improve the overall air quality; and especially those individuals in the vicinity of those vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 23rd day of February, 2004.


COUNTY COMMISSIONER


COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:


SUSAN K. ATCHLEY
County Clerk